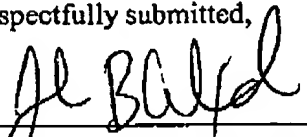


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Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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